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1. FMG HAS ANNOUNCED THAT ARMED FORCES CAN EXPECT RECEIVE THEIR PROMISED PAY BOOST NOT LATER THAN END OF APRIL, BUT HAS GIVEN NO INDICATION ITS MAGNITUDE. COMMITTEE HEADED BY BRIGADIER OLULEYE (COMMANDER, 2ND DIVISION) HAS SENT RECOMMENDATIONS TO SUPREME HEADQUARTERS (SHQ), WHICH IN TURN WILL TRANSMIT THEM TO SUPREME MILITARY COUNCIL FOR FINAL DECISION.

2. ARMY CHIEF OF STAFF GENERAL EJOOR, WHO ANNOUNCED APRIL DEADLINE FOR PAY RAISE, ALSO SAID THAT THOSE RESPONSIBLE FOR CIRCULATING FALSE PAY SCALE REPORTED REFTEL HAVE NOW BEEN ARRESTED. HE COMMENDED "VIGILANCE" OF ARMED FORCES MEMBERS WHO HAD RECOGNIZED TRUE NATURE OF FALSE FIGURES.

3. COMMENT: FMG CLEARLY HOPES THAT REGULAR PROGRESS REPORTS ON ARMED FORCES PAY RAISE WILL DAMPEN POTENTIALLY DISRUPTIVE SPECULATION SUCH AS WAS STARTED BY FALSE PAY SCALE. AS NIGERIAN

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TRIBUNE CORRECTLY NOTED IN FEBRUARY 18 EDITORIAL, HOWEVER,

RUMORS LIKELY TO REMAIN RIFE UNTIL FINAL ACTION IS TAKEN AND
OFFICIAL PAY SCALE MADE PUBLIC. MEANWHILE, ARREST OF THOSE
CHARGED WITH CIRCULATING FALSE PAY SCALE (PRESUMABLY INCLUDING
LAGOS UNIVERISTY LECTURER EDDY MADUNAGU, WHOSE RELEASE WAS ONE
OF DEMANDS INSPIRING CURRENT STUDENT AGITATION) MAY SERVE TO
DISCOURAGE OTHERS SEEKING TO MAKE POLITICAL CAPITAL OUT OF THIS
ISSUE.

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